

26 September 1984

Dr. John E. Wickman  
Director  
Dwight D. Eisenhower Library  
Abilene, Kansas 67410

Dear Dr. Wickman:

The enclosed letter of 7 September 1984 from Dr. Roger R. Trask, Deputy Historian, Office of the Secretary of Defense, requests that we authorize Dr. Robert J. Watson, an official historian under contract with OSD, access to CIA-originated documents in the Eisenhower Library. We understand that he is carrying out research to be used in the official history of national security affairs for the years 1956-1961.

We also understand that the Office of the Secretary of Defense has certified Dr. Watson's clearances directly to you. We are therefore glad to authorize him access to all CIA-related material in your holdings at the level of his clearances or lower that is pertinent to the subject of his research.

We shall also enclose a copy of our "CIA Records Access Policy" to guide your office in handling these CIA documents. As indicated in paragraph three of this policy statement, Dr. Watson is free to take notes and to have copies made of CIA documents, so long as the Eisenhower Library collects and sends these notes and copies to this office. After CIA review, we shall send Dr. Trask the documents and notes released, and notify him (and you) of any material that cannot be released.

With many thanks for your help,

Yours sincerely,

/s/ J. Kenneth McDonald

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Chief Historian

Enclosures: